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Item # 22

City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
October 5, 2021

TOPIC: Police Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

AGENDA TITLE:

Establish and Appoint Two to Three Members of the City Council to the Police Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Mayor establish the Police Oversight Ad Hoc Committee and appoint two to three members of the City Council to serve on it.

DISCUSSION

Introduction

As local elected officials, members of the City Council engage in policymaking relating to matters of importance for the City of Santa Ana. While some policy issues may be routine in nature, from time to time the City Council is presented with specific issues, such as police oversight, which may require the establishment of an ad hoc committee to meet for a limited time duration to address such issues. Ad hoc committees are established by the Mayor and at his discretion.

Police Oversight

At the September 7, 2021 meeting, staff presented an informational report regarding police oversight. The informational report provided an overview of the Auditor/Monitor and Investigation-Focused models of police oversight. Additionally, the report explored the make-up of police oversight mechanisms in Berkeley, Oakland, Riverside, and Anaheim, including their scope of responsibility, use of subpoena, operating budgets, and staffing. Finally, the report shared findings of a community survey. At the conclusion of the presentation, members of the City Council deliberated and ultimately directed staff to return to the City Council to request that Mayor Sarmiento appoint an ad hoc committee to discuss police oversight.

Police Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

To move forward in the most efficient manner, staff is requesting that the Mayor establish the Police Oversight Ad Hoc Committee in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. In

establishing the ad hoc committee, the City Council must articulate the specific task or objective that the ad hoc committee is expected to complete or perform and further requires the City Council to establish a time frame for the completion of that task or objective. If established as requested, the proposed ad hoc committee will meet to carry out a specific purpose and for a limited duration of time as further discussed below.

The proposed scope of the Police Oversight Ad Hoc Committee is as follows:

- Composed solely of two to three members of the City Council
 - Members are appointed by the Mayor
- Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council
- Studies, reviews, or discusses the following topics:
 - Identify the advantages and disadvantages of various police oversight models.
 - Assess the legal requirements to establish a police oversight mechanism.
 - Discuss collective bargaining limitations.
 - Identify objectives and scope of a police oversight mechanism.
 - Develop a specific and detailed budget estimate.
 - Receive reports from law enforcement to understand their perspective.
- Reports in intervals as needed
- Automatically dissolves upon the report to the full City Council

To ensure progress, the ad hoc committee should report to the City Council at regular intervals (e.g. three months, six months, and nine months) with the expectation that a final set of recommendations shall be prepared within one year, for consideration by the City Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBIT(S)

N/A

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